

**CITY OF DELTONA, FLORIDA
PARKS & RECREATION
CITIZEN ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY SUB-COMMITTEE**

**REGULAR MEETING
Thursday, April 21, 2011**

A Regular Meeting of the Citizen Accessibility Advisory Sub-Committee was held on Thursday, April 21, 2011 at the City of Deltona in the First Floor Kitchen area at 2345 Providence Blvd., Deltona, Florida.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Vice Chair called the meeting to order at 5:47pm.

2. ROLL CALL:

Citizen Accessibility Chairperson	Julio De Leon	Present (5:55pm)
Citizen Accessibility Vice Chairperson	Yaitza Denizac	Present
Citizen Accessibility Member	Kathy Andrews	Present
Citizen Accessibility Member	Micky Beauregard	Present (5:57 pm)
Citizen Accessibility Member	Patsy Dockery	Present
Citizen Accessibility Member	Thomas G. Dockery	Present
Citizen Accessibility Member	Karen Langston	Present
Citizen Accessibility Member	Joy Primack	Present
Citizen Accessibility Member	Sandy Primack	Present
Citizen Accessibility Member	Debra Wert	Present

Also present: Steve Moore, Director and Marlene Brown, Administrative Assistant, Parks and Recreation Department.

3. SILENT INVOCATION:

The Chair asked for a moment of silent invocation.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by Tom Dockery, seconded by Patsy Dockery to approve the Regular Minutes of March 17, 2011. The motion was unanimously approved.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The following flyers/information were distributed to the members: Spruce Up Deltona, Arbor Day, Relay for Life, Concert in the Amphitheater, Lyonia May programs and summer camp, Splash Pad hours and the Senior Expo.

The members of this committee who were unable to attend the Volunteer Reception were thanked for their contribution. Mrs. Brown advised that she had their gifts which would be given out at the end of the meeting. She read and presented an award certificate to Patsy Dockery for

1 soliciting vendors to donate items for the giveaway bags, for getting door prizes and talking to
2 prospective vendors for the Ability Fair held in March.

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4 **6. CITIZEN COMMENTS:**
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6 Mayor John Masiarczyk was present and addressed the members. He thanked them for
7 doing a good job, complimented them on a good turnout for their meeting and said it was great
8 what they are doing and he was impressed by it.
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10 He stated that he wanted to talk to them from a commission standpoint. He said there
11 was going to be a struggle with the budget this year. He said the City Commission will be
12 taking a much closer, tighter look at everyone's budget which will include the Parks &
13 Recreation Department. He encouraged them to think a year ahead of projects and to let Steve
14 know as they did not want to go through a half of the year and then have to tap into the
15 contingency fund or the general fund.
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17 The Mayor spoke about the Paralyzed Veterans of America (PVA) and asked the members if
18 they knew Steve Curt the president. Mayor John explained that Steve is confined to a wheelchair
19 and said that PVA has a unique program to ticket people who park in handicapped parking
20 spaces. He said our Code Enforcement people are leaning in that direction as well to ticket
21 people who park in handicapped spaces. He continued that each city has a different take on it,
22 but they take about 60-70% of the fines collected and put that money in a fund and the spending
23 of that fund would be at the City's discretion, to make more accessible things happen that would
24 benefit the handicapped – like horizontal parking spaces, taking 3 parking spaces and making 2
25 handicapped accessible spaces which would allow the extra space for easy van accessibility. He
26 stated that he was sure they would not have any problems from government entities if they could
27 show the need that more handicapped spaces were needed. He gave an example of Wal Mart.
28 He said that with commission direction and a request to this committee, they could talk to Wal
29 Mart and convince them that they would like to take 3 of their spots and make them into 1 van
30 accessible space, using paint to black out the lines and then striping the space next to the van
31 space. He told them it was an option and if this committee decided they wanted to go further
32 with this, he would pass on the information he had to Mr. Moore. He said it would give this
33 board some visibility in the community especially to the people who do not know about the
34 existence of the Citizen Accessibility Advisory Sub Committee and this would be a unique idea
35 for them.
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37 He also talked about handicap permits and said some people do not understand what rights
38 they have with the permit. He said this committee could look at doing a pamphlet about non
39 handicap people using the handicap spaces which would include a friend or relative borrowing
40 someone's handicap permit just so they can park closer even though they do not have the right to
41 be using that permit. He said that even doctors who hand out the permits don't really understand
42 the rules. He felt this is something they could even put in the City's quarterly newsletter.
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44 The members all liked his ideas and the suggestion that this could be a project for them to
45 undertake as a committee.

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2 **7. OLD BUSINESS:**

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4 **a. None:**

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6 **8. NEW BUSINESS:**

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8 **a. Assisting with Projects:**

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10 Mrs. Brown told the members that she thought it would be a good idea to have all the
11 Parks advisory boards work together when there are special events. She mentioned the
12 upcoming Senior Expo as an example and felt this would be a good way for the boards to get to
13 know each other and for them to learn something about the other boards. She thanked them for
14 their help with the Eggstravaganza event which was another huge success.

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16 The members mentioned that it may give some of the members from the other
17 committees the incentive to step up and help. It was also discussed that they do not really know
18 the members from the other committees so this would be a way for them to get to know each
19 other. They also talked about the youth and the elderly who have disabilities and said this
20 would allow them to mesh with the other groups and help each other out.

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22 The Vice Chair called for motion. **Motion by Patsy Dockery, seconded by Kathy**
23 **Andrews that they go forward with helping the other advisory boards. The motion was**
24 **unanimously approved.** It was noted for the record that there were actually 2 seconds – Kathy
25 Andrews and Debra Wert.

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27 The members wanted to know how they would be aware of what assistance would be
28 needed. Mr. Moore stated that it would be presented to them in this kind of a venue and if they
29 wanted to participate they could.

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31 Mr. Moore mentioned Larry French who served on the P&R Board but who also has put
32 in a lot of time into the community. He said it was now time to pay Larry back for some of the
33 things he has done in the community so the Parks Department asked him to be the guest speaker
34 at our Arbor Day event. It was agreed that Mr. French is a very diverse person with a lot of
35 experience as a public speaker, a writer and an environmentalist.

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37 **b. 4th July Celebration:**

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39 Mr. Moore said we would, hopefully, be providing some fireworks with games, food and
40 entertainment trying to get back the old spirit of the 4th of July. He said we are looking at scaling
41 back or eliminating some special events as next year's budget was reviewed.

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43 There was some discussion about the church charging to park there for the 4th of July
44 event but did not provide any traffic control.
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1 Miss Denizac said that last year there was no patriotic music. It was more Star Wars
2 music and she felt that the music should be kept with the theme.

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4 Mrs. Langston said there was limited access to parking for disabled attendees. She
5 suggested charging the able bodied to park there but Mr. Moore said it would create a traffic
6 backup and the park was funded with grant money so we could not stop people from coming in.

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8 **9. DIRECTOR COMMENTS:**
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10 Mr. Moore thanked them all for their time and their assistance at the Ability Fair.

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12 **10. COMMITTEE COMMENTS:**
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14 Mrs. Beauregard mentioned the UCP Health Fair coming up on April 29th (the same day
15 as Arbor Day) and asked the members to attend, if possible. She said they try to help the people
16 they support with healthy living and added that services for people with disabilities were at risk
17 next year.

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19 Mrs. Langston said she was sorry to have missed the volunteer function but she had a
20 family emergency out of town. She did offer to help with Arbor Day if her schedule allowed.

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22 Mrs. Dockery said she was excited to see things progressing and thinks that working with
23 the other advisory groups is a positive thing. She indicated that she and Tom would miss the
24 Arbor Day event as they were going to the UCP fair.

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26 Mr. Primack advised that last month they had started the Youth United within Habitat.
27 He said they just got approval and are officially a Youth United Program. It is a youth run,
28 youth staffed program which is currently represented by five (5) high schools and two (2)
29 colleges. One program they are involved with is "Brush with Kindness" which helps with fixing
30 up house exteriors and they have had donations of paint.

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32 Mr. Dockery said he liked the Mayor's idea about the handicap awareness issues and
33 would like this committee to undertake it as a project.

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35 Ms. Andrews said she owed the committee an apology because her time is now limited
36 between her job and taking care of elderly parents. The members agreed to help her with
37 whatever she needed.

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39 Mr. DeLeon apologized for being late, congratulated Patsy Dockery and said the Mayor
40 had some interesting ideas.

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42 **11. NEXT MEETING DATE:**
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44 The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 19, 2011 at 5:45 p.m. in the first floor
45 kitchen.

